



# Hampton Police Division Media Release

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**For Immediate Release**

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## **JOHN JAMARR SMALL ARRESTED FOR NICKERSON PLAZA FOOD LION ROBBERY**

On March 15, 2005, Hampton detectives arrested **John Jamarr Small**, a 25-year-old Hampton man residing in the 3500 block of Kecoughtan Road, for his role in the January 24th, 2005 robbery of the Food Lion located at 2070 Nickerson Boulevard.

On January 25, 2005, at approximately 7:59 pm, the Hampton Police Division received a call indicating that the Food Lion located at 2070 Nickerson Boulevard had been robbed and two individuals had been shot during the robbery. Hampton police and Hampton medics responded and located two individuals suffering from injuries related to the robbery. One victim, a male employee, was shot once in the right shoulder. His injury was not considered to be life threatening. A female employee suffered a minor wound when a bullet fired from one of the suspect's weapons struck her in the left, upper torso. Both employees were transported to local hospitals for treatment of their injuries.

The preliminary investigation revealed that two masked gunmen entered the business with weapons displayed. The suspects ordered the employees and patrons to the floor and demanded money from the cashier. When the cashier couldn't produce money, the suspects fired multiple shots. An employee at another register had been removing her cash drawer when the incident occurred. The suspects took money from her cash drawer and fled the scene on foot.

Small's arrest comes during an extensive investigation into the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005 attempted robbery of the Food Lion located at 3855 Kecoughtan Road. Small was located at his Kecoughtan road apartment during service of a search warrant. Physical evidence at the January 24<sup>th</sup> robbery scene along with physical evidence gathered during the March 15<sup>th</sup> search warrant linked Small to the robbery. He faces 21 felony charges for his involvement in this incident. He is charged with 1 count of robbery, 2 counts of maiming, 1 count of burglary, 6 counts of abduction, 10 counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and 1 count of wearing a mask in public.

The investigation continues into the investigation of a string of robberies in Hampton and Newport News during the first part of the year and additional charges are pending. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.



Corporal James West will receive questions about this release at 757-727-6608.

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